

IN THE CLAIMS

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method for updating entries in an on-line database comprising:

receiving a request from a user to update an entry in an on-line database;

verifying the authority of the user to update the entry;

displaying a page containing an entry to be updated;

allowing a user to update the description of a user-defined category for the entry;

storing said description of said user-defined category in said on-line database; ~~and~~

wherein said user interacts with said on-line database over a public network using a standard web browser without the need for any additional user software; and

wherein said page is published having a universal resource locator (URL) including a transaction ID associated with said entry.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said entry includes non-textual content.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said non-textual content comprises graphics.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising the act of allowing said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.

25. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising the act of allowing said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

26. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising the act of allowing said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.

27. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for updating entries in an on-line database comprising:

means for receiving a request from a user to update an entry in an on-line database;

means for verifying the authority of the user to update the entry;

means for displaying a page containing an entry to be updated;

means for allowing a user to update the description of a user-defined category for the entry;

means for storing said description of said user-defined category in said on-line database; and

means for facilitating the interaction between said user and said on-line database over a public network using a standard web browser without the need for any additional user software; and

means for publishing said page having a universal resource locator (URL) including a transaction ID associated with said entry.

28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said entry includes non-textual content.
29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said non-textual content comprises graphics.
30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising means for allowing said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.
31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising means for allowing said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.
32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising means for allowing said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.
33. (Currently Amended) A web server for updating entries in an on-line database comprising:
- a web server and an associated database, the web server including an HTML front-ending process configured to:
 - receive a request from a user to update an entry in an on-line database;
 - verify the authority of the user to update the entry;
 - display a page containing an entry to be updated;

allow a user to update the description of a user-defined category for the entry;
store said description of said user-defined category in said on-line database; ~~and~~
facilitate the interaction between said user and said on-line database over a public
network using a standard web browser without the need for any additional user software;
and
publish said page having a universal resource locator (URL) including a
transaction ID associated with said entry.

34. (Original) The web server of claim 33, wherein said entry includes non-textual content.

35. (Previously Presented) The web server of claim 34, wherein said non-textual content comprises graphics.

36. (Original) The web server of claim 33, further configured to allow said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.

37. (Original) The web server of claim 33, further configured to allow said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

38. (Original) The web server of claim 33, further configured to allow said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.